Infrastructure Category Overview

Funding Recommendation: 30 Million

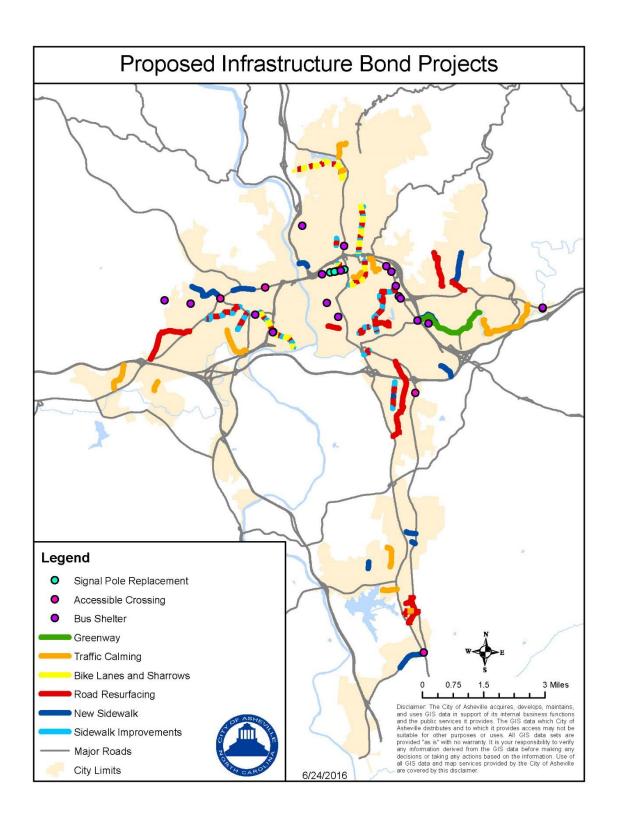
Option Justification:

The City's infrastructure plays a vital role in connecting people to places safely for work and play. Improved transit, bikeways, greenways and mobility have been identified as priorities for our city by the Asheville in Motion mobility plan, the Transit Master Plan, the Greenway Master Plan, City Council's 3036 Vision and the citizen of Asheville.

Recommended Projects:

- Streets and Bikeway improvements
- Sidewalk Maintenance
- New Sidewalk
- Transportation Safety
- Greenway

Infrastructure Bond Projects					
Infrastructure Category Estimated Cost					
Road Resurfacing	\$	16,277,281			
Sidewalk Improvements	\$	3,535,000			
New Sidewalk Projects	\$	6,320,000			
Transportation Safety	\$	1,900,000			
Greenways	\$	4,600,000			
	\$	32,632,281			



Project Detail Infrastructure - Streets and Bikeway Improvements

Funding Recommendation:

\$15,500,000

Project Justification:

The City of Asheville has an aging streets infrastructure. 81% of the respondents to the 2015 Citizen Survey rated improving roads as essential or very important. The current level of funding is not adequate to maintain the existing aged infrastructure in the City of Asheville. Funding the recommended large projects through this bond package would allow other funding for smaller projects; therefore improving street conditions throughout Asheville.

Proposed Investment:

The rehabilitation and or reconstruction of severely aged roadways through patching and resurfacing. (see list of recommended projects below)

Investments made in the last 5 years:

The amount appropriated by Council for street resurfacing, rebuilding, and major repair for the five prior fiscal years is as follows:

FY11/12 - \$1,313,274

FY12/13 - \$1,323,693

FY13/14 - \$1,984,193

FY14/15 - \$1,984,193

FY15/16 - \$2,000,000

Ways this project fulfills a Master Plan or addresses a current need

This work will help create a more reliable infrastructure and allow for reliable mobility of the citizens through various modes of transportation throughout the city.

Community impacts and project benefits

- 16 miles of resurfaced roads
- Addition of bikeway improvements during resurfacing projects
- Improved safety on roadways

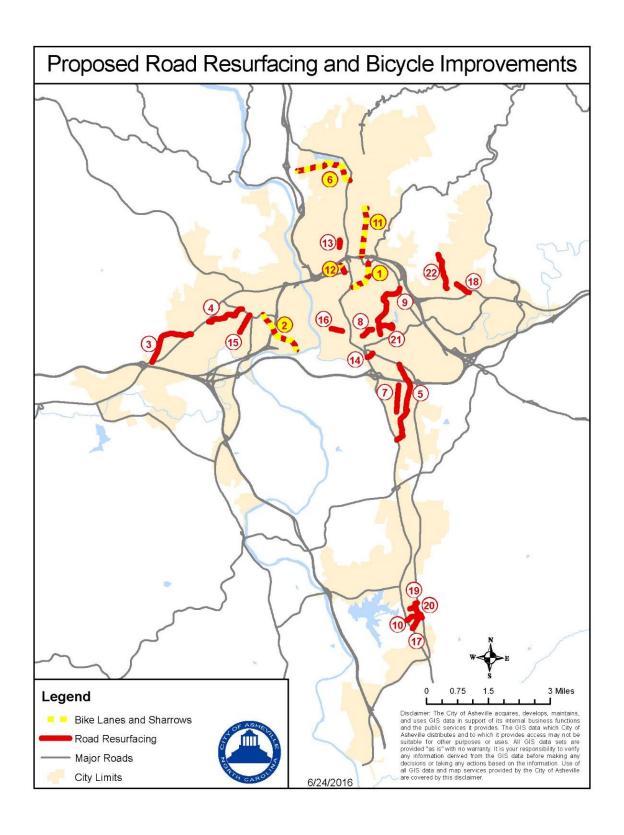
Impact to current work plans and project schedules:

With current annual funding it will take approximately 6.5 years to compete this amount of road resurfacing. The additional bond funding will move the recommended projects forward, along with accomplishing projects with current \$2.5 Million of annual funding.

Ongoing operations and maintenance costs after project completion Standing Annual resurfacing funds.

Alternative funding sources outside of General Obligation bonds Standing Annual resurfacing funds.

Road Resurfacing *with bike lanes and sharrows				
Priority	Name		Cost	Area
1	Martin Luther King Jr Dr *	\$	2,877,855	Central
2	State St *	\$	1,201,468	West
3	Old Haywood Rd	\$	924,238	West
4	Sulphur Springs Rd	\$	809,212	West
5	Caribou Rd	\$	1,539,778	South
6	Lakeshore Dr *	\$	1,335,260	North
7	Brooklyn Rd	\$	1,322,987	South
8	Caledonia Rd	\$	694,542	East
9	Kenilworth Rd	\$	1,746,204	East
10	Royal Pines Dr	\$	207,304	South
11	Charlotte St	\$	1,163,256	North
12	Haywood St *	\$	381,711	Central
13	Fulton St	\$	5,720	North
14	All Souls Cres	\$	5,720	South
15	Vermont Ave	\$	48,477	West
16	Oakland Rd	\$	263,334	Central
17	Sycamore Dr	\$	256,098	South
18	Beverly Rd	\$	354,503	East
19	Birch Ln	\$	169,432	South
20	Cherry St	\$	149,056	South
21	Chiles Ave	\$	335,542	East
22	Cisco Rd	\$	485,585	East
		\$	16,277,281	



Project Detail Infrastructure - Sidewalk Maintenance

Funding Recommendation:

\$3,500,000

Project Justification:

A goal of the Asheville Pedestrian Plan is to enhance the pedestrian environment and increase opportunities to choose walking as a mode of transportation to help improve the health of the citizens of Asheville. In the 2015 Citizen survey 84% of the respondents rated sidewalks, bikeways and greenways as essential or very important. Continued Sidewalk maintenance will improve pedestrian safety throughout the city.

Proposed Investment:

- 8 miles of sidewalk maintenance throughout the City of Asheville (see list below of recommended sidewalk maintenance projects)
- ADA compliance on rehabbed sidewalks

Investments made in the last 5 years:

The amount appropriated by Council for sidewalk constructions and major repair for the five prior fiscal years is as follows:

FY11/12 - \$2,116,225

FY12/13 - \$1,351,449

FY13/14 - \$4,591,225 (including \$4,125,000 for multi-year Hendersonville Rd. sidewalk construction)

FY14/15 - \$350,000

FY15/16 - \$718,000

Ways this project fulfills a Master Plan or addresses a current need

There is a large backlog of outstanding work orders for sidewalk maintenance across the city. The sections of sidewalks contained within this project are areas of sidewalk that have high priority needs. Sidewalk rehabilitation addresses the need for the city to be more walkable. Maintenance on the recommended sidewalks will make the areas more accessible for pedestrians of all abilities. In addition these improvements will reduce the City's exposure to liability.

Community impacts and project benefits

• 8 miles of improvements to existing sidewalks throughout the city

Impact to current work plans and project schedules:

Many of these sidewalk rehabs will occur concurrently with resurfacing projects. With current annual funding it will take approximately 13.3 years to compete this amount of road resurfacing. The additional bond funding will move the recommended projects forward, along with accomplishing projects with current \$250,000 of annual funding.

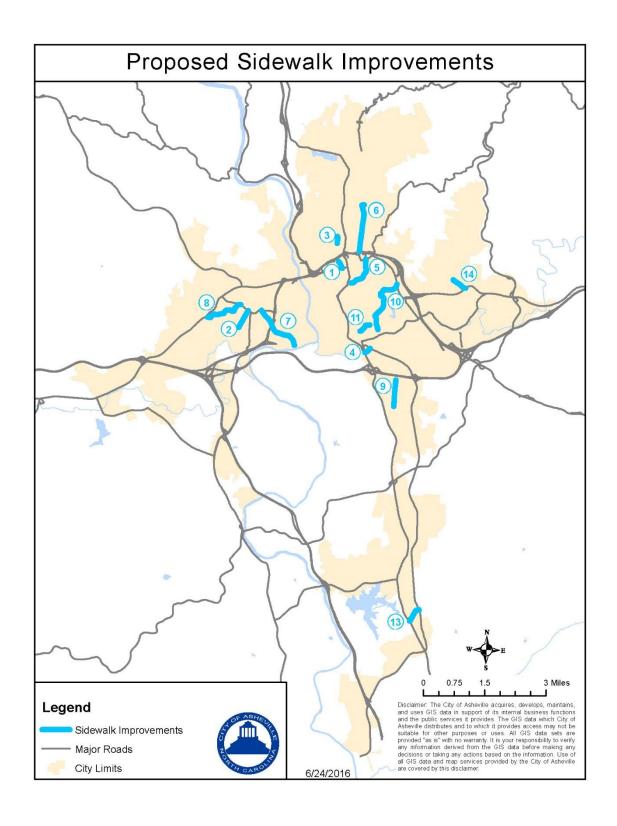
Ongoing operations and maintenance costs after project completion

Standing annual funds.

Alternative funding sources outside of General Obligation bonds

Many of these sidewalk rehabs will occur concurrently with resurfacing projects. These projects will be developed by current PW and CPMD staff and administered by staff or contract inspection.

Sidewalk Improvements					
Priority	Name	Estimated Cost Are			
1	Haywood St	\$	415,000	Central	
2	Vermont Ave	\$	598,000	West	
3	Fulton St	\$	212,000	North	
4	All Souls Cres	\$	702,000	South	
5	Martin Luther King Jr Dr	\$	325,000	Central	
6	Charlotte St	\$	260,000	North	
7	State St	\$	260,000	West	
8	Sulphur Springs Rd	\$	260,000	West	
9	Brooklyn Rd	\$	98,000	South	
10	Kenilworth Rd	\$	260,000	East	
11	Caledonia Rd	\$	41,000	East	
12	Oakland Rd	\$	26,000	Central	
13	Sycamore Dr	\$	13,000	South	
14	Beverly Rd	\$	65,000	East	
		\$	3,535,000		



Project Detail Infrastructure - New Sidewalks

Funding Recommendation:

\$6,300,000

Project Justification:

There are over 100 miles of needed sidewalk linkages in Asheville as identified in the 2004 Pedestrian Thoroughfare Plan. Funding allows for an average of 2 miles of new sidewalks per year, based on current funding leveraged with grants. The development of new sidewalks addresses pedestrian safety priorities identified in the Asheville in Motion plan and the Asheville Pedestrian Plan. In the 2015 Citizen survey 84% of the respondents rated sidewalks, bikeways and greenways as essential or very important. Needed linkages will connect people to work, school, public transportation, recreation and other amenities throughout the community.

Proposed Investment:

 Provide 12 New Sidewalks Linkages listed as a priority throughout the city (see table for recommended list of new sidewalks below)

Investments made in the last 5 years:

Sidewalk construction:

FY11/12 - \$2,116,225

FY12/13 - \$1,351,449

FY13/14 - \$4,591,225 (including \$4,125,000 for multi-year Hendersonville Rd. sidewalk construction)

FY14/15 - \$350,000

FY15/16 - \$718,000

Ways this project fulfills a Master Plan or addresses a current need

All sidewalks address pedestrian and safety priorities identified in the AIM plan and aid connections to transit as called for in the Transit Master Plan. All but two new sidewalks are needed linkages in the pedestrian plan, and the two exceptions, Airport Road and Hill Street, provide connections to jobs on what are very difficult connections for walking.

Community impacts and project benefits

- 4 miles of new sidewalks
- Safe routes to schools, transit, work, recreation and the community.
- Multi Modal transportation options

Impact to current work plans and project schedules:

This would be a major project that will require all phases of sidewalk development. Even if all work is contracted out, the Capital Projects Division will need to devote project management staff time.

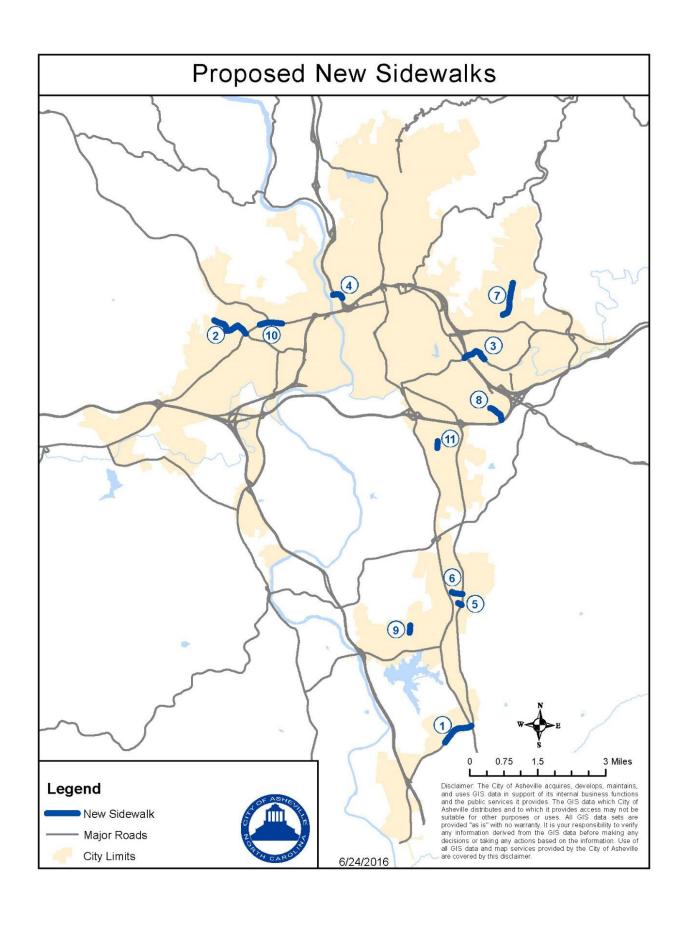
Ongoing operations and maintenance costs after project completion

Standing annual funding

Alternative funding sources outside of General Obligation bonds

• CIP funding after 2025, possible MPO grants

New Sidewalk Projects						
Priority	Name	Estimated Cost		Area	Connections	
1	Airport Rd	\$	510,000	South	City: Walmart to H'ville Rd; NCDOT: remainder	
2	Johnston Blvd	\$	1,372,000	West	Connects school, ball fields, low income comm to jobs/services/transit on Patton.	
3	Swannanoa River Rd	\$	756,000	East	Connects S. Tunnel to Bleachery; Transit, grocery, shopping, jobs	
4	Hill St	\$	468,000	North	Hillcrest to RADTIP; provides access to riverfront recreation, jobs, experiences.	
5	Mills Gap Rd	\$	128,000	South	Short Linkage needed to connect Sweeten Creek to H'ville Rd.	
6	Gerber Rd	\$	357,000	South	Short Linkage needed to connect Sweeten Creek to H'ville Rd.	
7	New Haw Creek Rd	\$	1,120,000	East	Extends existing to Bell Rd; access from houses to two schools	
8	Onteora Blvd	\$	588,000	East	Completes needed linkage; connects to schools, Fairview Rd	
9	Overlook Rd	\$	213,000	South	Short Linkage to connect subdivision to existing sidewalk, access to 3 schools	
10	Brooklyn Rd	\$	192,000	South	Links to newer sidewalk on Shiloh Rd and Recreation Center	
11	Patton Ave (gaps)	\$	616,000	West	Fill gaps on south side of Patton Ave to avoid crossing New Leicester Hwy	
		\$	6,320,000			



Project Detail Infrastructure – Transportation Safety

Funding Recommendation:

Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming: \$1,400,000 Transit Improvements: \$500,000

Project Justification:

Asheville has been ranked first in North Carolina for pedestrian-involved crashes per capita for several years. Transit and pedestrian improvements will address safety and quality of life concerns for residential neighborhoods and busy Asheville corridors. The Asheville in Motion mobility plan listed pedestrian priority signalization at downtown intersections and increased safety for all protected pedestrian routes, bike routes, and transit routes as priorities.

The 2013 ART Survey shows that 63% of riders use the bus because it is their only option, and 65% of riders said adding more shelters was 'very important.' Additionally, bus shelters provide a safe and ADA accessible way to board and alight from buses, which is an issue of growing importance considering 33% of riders identified as being disabled, and 37% of riders are over the age of 50.

Proposed Investment:

- Replace damaged traffic signal poles
- Pedestrian WALK/DON'T WALK signal heads and ADA accessible pushbuttons for four intersections under the jurisdiction of NCDOT in Asheville.
- Speed humps on ten streets totaling 8.24 miles in length in different geographical areas in Asheville
- New ADA accessible bus shelters

Investments made in the last 5 years:

Signal Pole Replacements: \$86,000

Accessible Pedestrian Upgrades: \$45,000

Ways this project fulfills a Master Plan or addresses a current need

Improved pedestrian safety is a priority in the Asheville In Motion mobility plan, the Transit Master Plan, the complete streets policy and the Pedestrian Plan. These projects will address ADA accessibility to provide equal access to all users. These updates will assist in maintaining compliance with Federal Government mandates.

Construction of new bus shelters with modern specifications will improve service for captive riders while at the same time, helping to market to choice riders and tourists, all of which are listed as major goals in the Transit Master Plan. The added comfort, safety, and convenience of new shelters will improve service for current riders and will make the system more attractive to potential riders.

Community impacts and project benefits

- This project would reduce potential liability from signal poles that are rusted or damaged by vehicles.
- Provide access to signals for persons with disabilities and for transit riders.
- The 2009 Transit Master Plan reported 87 unique stop locations that had 10 or more daily boardings, and 23 unique stop locations that have 25 or more daily boardings. New shelter construction at top locations, could impact a minimum of 149,500 workday trips per year (260 days x 23 stops x 25 boardings). Actual numbers are likely to significantly exceed this estimate.
- Additional bus shelters enhance services for members of the community that depend on public transit as their only mode of transportation, which gives them better access to public services and employment centers.

Impact to current work plans and project schedules:

Additional funding would allow staff to advance work on a larger number of shelters in one process, rather than a piecemeal approach, which would reduce administrative costs, increasing the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the program. Additionally, focusing new construction on higher volume locations known to be noncompliant with ADA regulations could have secondary benefits related to funding, by reducing the risk of accidents and disability access complaints which would over time lead to reduced legal and administrative costs.

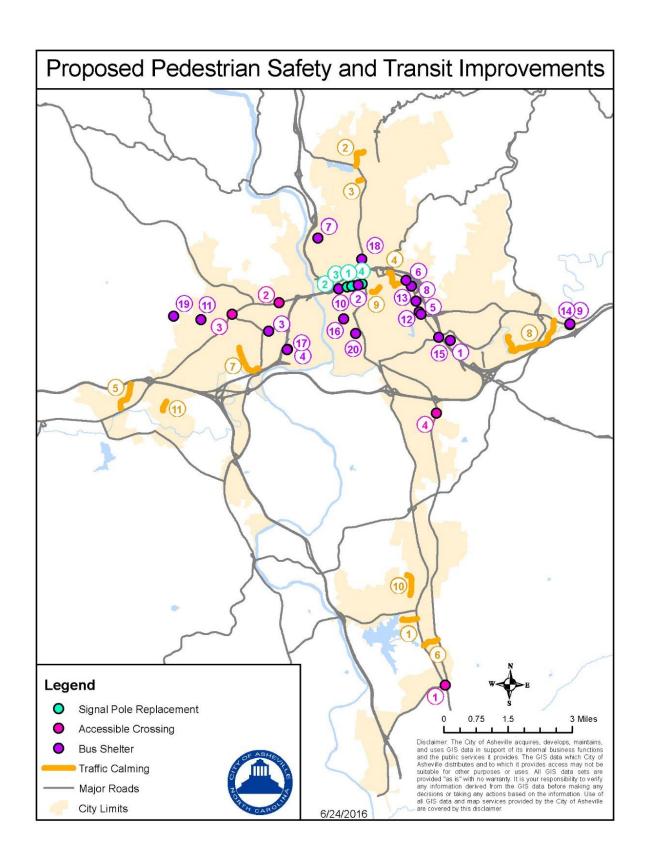
Ongoing operations and maintenance costs after project completion

Alternative funding sources outside of General Obligation bonds

- The alternative funding source for these projects would be the CIP.
- FTA funding has been used in the past for bus shelter construction, but this is significantly less than what is needed and increases administrative costs by pursuing a piecemeal approach. Therefore, there has been no new shelter construction in the last 3 years.

Transportation Safety					
Priority	Name	Estimated Cost	Area		
	Bus Shelters				
1	Bleachery at Walmart		East		
2	Patton Ave at Haywood St		East		
3	Haywood Rd at Virginia Ave		West		
4	Hanover St at State St		West		
5	Tunnel Rd at Buckstone Pl		East		
6	Tunnel Rd at Chunns Cove Rd		East		
7	Klondyke Pl at Klondyke		North		
8	Tunnel Rd at Kenilworth Rd		East		
9	US 70 East at ABCCM		East		
10 11	Patton Ave at Clingman Ave Deaverview Rd at Deaverview		Central West		
12	Tunnel Rd at White Pine Dr		East		
13					
	Tunnel Rd at Ingles US 70 West at ABCCM		East		
14			East		
15	S Tunnel Rd at Swannanoa River Rd East				
16	S French Broad Ave at Bartlett St		Central		
17	Hanover St at State St		West		
18	Merrimon Ave at E Chestnut St		North		
19	Pisgah View Rd at Canteberi Pl		West		
20	Livingston St at Pine Grove Ave		Central		
		\$ 500,000			
Pedestrian Safety: Signal Pole Replacements					
1	Patton Ave at Asheland Ave		Central		
2	Patton Ave at N/S French Broad Ave		Central		
3	Patton Ave at Otis St		Central		
4	Patton Ave at Lexington Ave	\$ 750,000	Central		
Pedestrian Safety: Accessible Crossings					
1	Airport Rd at Hendersonville Rd	Crossings	South		
2	Patton Ave at Florida Ave		West		
3	Patton Ave at Haywood Rd		West		
4	Sweeten Creek Rd at Medical Park Dr		South		
4	Sweeten Creek Nu at Meulda Faik Di	\$ 250,000	Journ		
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Traffic Calming Sites				
1	Atkins St - 5			South
2	Wembley Rd - 9			North
3	Osborne Rd - 2			North
4	College St - 8			Central
5	Moody Ave - 13			West
6	Royal Pines Dr - 6			South
7	Shelburne Rd - 13			West
8	Azalea Rd E - 30			East
9	Max St - 5			Central
10	Westridge Dr - 10			South
11	Gudger Rd - 5			West
		\$	400,000	
	All Pedestrian Safety and Transit	\$	1,900,000	



Project Detail: Infrastructure: Greenways

Funding Recommendation:

\$4,600,000

Project Justification:

Greenways connect people to the places they live, work and play as well as preserve open space to promote air and water quality. The proposed greenway is identified as a priority by the Greenway Master Plan, the Greenway Committee of the Multi Modal Transportation Commission, and the Asheville In Motion mobility plan. There are 7 miles of greenways funded for construction in the next 3 years. The City's vision of a 15 mile interconnected system could provide healthier and safer options for citizens to travel. Several multiple smaller scale projects are also needed to further implement the Greenway Master Plan.

Proposed Investment:

Design, permit and construct the first phase of the Swannanoa River Greenway, a two-mile section from South Tunnel Road to Azalea Park. When completed, the Swannanoa River greenway will be 7.75 miles and provide the major east-west greenway connection between the French Broad River greenways' convergence at Amboy Road to the eastern city limits in Oteen. Smaller links, connections and extensions will provide opportunity for collaboration between Buncombe County and/or private fundraising.

Investments made in the last 5 years:

Completed Greenways 2010 \$928,210 2011 \$1,021,121

Scheduled Greenway Construction

FY 16 \$2,350,000 FY 17 \$10,650,000

Ways this project fulfills a Master Plan or addresses a current need

The Swannanoa River Greenway is a project in the Greenway Master Plan, a priority of the Greenway Committee of the Multimodal Transportation Commission, and is identified as a priority greenway in the Asheville in Motion mobility plan. Connectors, links and extensions provide an opportunity for expanded partnerships with the county in regional planning efforts.

Community impacts and project benefits

Additions to the system will connect people to work, shopping and jobs, and offer free active recreation and social interaction. It will be available to surrounding neighborhoods, to users of Azalea Park and the adjoining soccer fields, as well as people who can access it from the Walmart on Bleachery Blvd.

Impact to current work plans and project schedules:			
Not currently scheduled.			
Ongoing operations and maintenance costs after project completion			
Alternative funding sources putside of Coneval Obligation hands			
Alternative funding sources outside of General Obligation bonds			
CIP and other grant funding for which the project may qualify.			

Greenways					
Name		Cost	Area		
Swannanoa River Greenway	\$	3,600,000	East		
Connectors, Linkages, and Extensions	\$	1,000,000	TBD		
	\$	4,600,000			

